

partner in the Scranton law firm of Haggerty, McDonnell & Hinton, formerly Casey, Haggerty & McDonnell and later Haggerty, McDonnell & O'Brien. He also served as president of the Lackawanna County Bar Association and was a permanent member of the Third Circuit Judicial Conference. Jim served as chairman of the board of trustees for the University of Scranton and Scranton Preparatory School. He was president of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Lackawanna County and served as director of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Lackawanna County. Jim was also a member of the board of directors at the Country Club of Scranton and First National Community Bank.

Jim was a loving and vibrant man, known to close friends as "the Big Fella," and recognized by countless others who had the privilege to befriend him as larger than life. Jim had a renowned sense of humor and an ease with people that endeared him to all whose lives he touched. His infectious personality was outdone by his impressive professional accomplishments as a successful lawyer. He was respected by his peers and revered by fellow members of the bar for his honesty, ethics and fair dealing. He ranks among the most loyal Dunmoreans and Democrats of all time. Loyalty was paramount to his very being. Above all, Jim was a devoted husband, father and grandfather and the most positive role model to those he loved so dearly. His favorite times were spent with his sons and friends golfing at the Country Club of Scranton, and he most relished time spent with family. Summers in Avalon, N.J. with his wife, children and grandchildren brought him indescribable joy. Jim's generosity in life continued as an organ donor.

Also surviving are seven children, Jean McGrath and husband, Christopher, Dunmore; Mauri Collins and husband, Joseph, Scottsdale, Ariz.; James J. Haggerty, Jr. and fiancée, Wendy Lettieri, Scranton; Matthew and wife, Christina O'Brien Haggerty, Scranton; Cecelia O'Rourke and husband, James, New York, N.Y.; Daniel Haggerty and fiancée, Meghan Stott, Wilkes-Barre; and Kathleen James and husband, Brian, Scranton; 18 grandchildren, James, Christopher, Cecelia, Nora and Margaret McGrath; Clare, Catherine, Cecelia, Rita and Elizabeth Collins; Abigail, Caroline, Cecelia and Matthew Haggerty; Brian, Patrick, Edward and Margaret James; and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Joseph O. Haggerty; and his stepfather, John P. Cummings.●

HONORAIR

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I wish to speak about a very special flight that just took place. The Louisiana HonorAir flight that came into Washington on Saturday, May 28, included a group of 77 World War II veterans from Louisiana. These veterans visited the various memorials and monuments that recognize the sacrifices of our Nation's invaluable military members.

Louisiana HonorAir, a group based in Lafayette, LA, sponsored this latest trip—its 22nd flight—to the Nation's Capital. The organization honors surviving Louisiana World War II veterans by giving them an opportunity to see the memorials dedicated to their service. On this trip, the veterans visited the World War II, Korea, Vietnam and

Iwo Jima memorials. They traveled to Arlington National Cemetery to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

World War II was one of America's greatest triumphs, but was also a conflict rife with individual sacrifice and tragedy. More than 60 million people worldwide were killed, including 40 million civilians, and more than 400,000 American servicemembers were slain during the long war. The ultimate victory over enemies in the Pacific and in Europe is a testament to the valor of American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. The years 1941 to 1945 also witnessed an unprecedented mobilization of domestic industry, which supplied our military on two distant fronts.

In Louisiana, there are roughly 21,000 living WWII veterans, and each one has a heroic tale of achieving the noble victory of freedom over tyranny. The oldest in this HonorAir group was born in 1915 and 7 veterans on this HonorAir flight were women. These veterans served in various branches of the military—20 Army, 26 Navy, 12 Army Air Corps, 11 Marines, 1 Coast Guard, and 7 in women's services.

Our heroes served across the globe, participating in major invasions such as those at Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Guadalcanal, Leyte, the Philippines, and southern France. One was a prisoner of war who also received the Army of Occupation medal, while others fought in the historic Battle of the Bulge or at Pearl Harbor during the infamous attack in 1941. Many of these veterans have been decorated with honors such as the Purple Heart or the Bronze Star Medal.

These men and women, who have given so much for our country, truly represent our greatest generation. I ask the Senate to join me in honoring these 77 veterans, all Louisiana heroes, that we welcomed to Washington on May 28 and Louisiana HonorAir for making these trips a reality.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID CRAIG

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President on behalf of Senator CANTWELL and myself, it is with great privilege that I congratulate a hard-working Washingtonian, Mr. David Craig, on his well-deserved retirement on June 23, 2011, after forty seven years of dedicated service to the students of Highline High School.

Mr. Craig taught business in classroom 216 at Highline High School for his entire career. To put his extraordinary longevity in perspective, Mr. Craig's first graduating class were 18 years old during the 1964-1965 school year. During that same year, President Lyndon Johnson declared war on poverty and signed the 1964 Civil Rights Act; Beatlemania was sweeping the globe, and Muhammad Ali was named the heavy weight champion of the world. Today, those 18-year-old students are now senior citizens.

Over the course of five decades, Mr. Craig has touched the lives of over 10,000 students. He had the pleasure, as few teachers do, of having his children, Michael and Shelley, as students. He taught Royce Badley, now his co-worker and Academic Dean of Students for the Highline High School, and Shaya Calvo, now senior prosecuting attorney for King County. He has also seen his share of tragedies, including losing students to conflicts in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Yet he is consistently reminded of the joy of teaching, seeing it not only in the young people he continues to help today, but also in the frequent encounters he has with former students in his day-to-day life.

It is important moments such as the retirement of a great teacher that we reflect on their impact on their school and community. In assessing the legacy of a teacher like Dave Craig, Henry Adams perhaps said it best: "a teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." The legacy that Dave Craig leaves is one that has positively affected the lives of thousands of young people, giving them one of the greatest gifts America can bestow upon its citizenry: the gift of education. As a teacher, Dave Craig has served his school, his community, his country and most importantly his students with enthusiasm and dedication. We should all be very thankful for his selfless devotion to Highline High School.

On behalf of all Washingtonians, we commend David for his many years of commitment to our State. His knowledge, experience, and loyalty to education will be sorely missed. We congratulate David and wish he and his wife Paula the best of luck in their future endeavors.●

RECOGNIZING TOWLE'S HARDWARE AND LUMBER STORE

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, while our efforts here in Washington regarding small business are often focused on how to help start new companies, our economy also relies on those small firms which have been in operation for generation after generation. One such small business, Towle's Hardware & Lumber Store in Dixfield, this week celebrates its 100th anniversary. Today I commend Towle's for its remarkable achievement and highlight its tremendous story.

Towle's Hardware and Lumber Store opened its doors in 1911 as C.H. Towle's Hardware, when Charles Towle purchased the former Stockbridge Hardware Store on Weld Street in Dixfield. At that time, Towle's offered its customers a wide variety of basic necessities, from paint, lumber, and tools, to cast iron stoves, electric and gas refrigerators, and even John Deere tractors.

The Towle family considers the company's long-term success and longevity as byproducts of its work ethic, attention to customer service, and decision